STATEMENT

	Top Ten Importer Countries of Indian goods during 1995-96 No.	Position of these Countries in the list of exporters of goods to India in 1995-96. No.
USA	1	1
Japan	2	3
U.K.	3	5
Germany	4	2
Hong Kong	5	19
UAE	6	7
Belgium	7	6
Russia	8	13
Bangladesh	9	29
Italy	10	9

Revise of Electoral Rolls

3119. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Election Commission propose to revise the electoral rolls for the entire country except Punjab and Assam;

(b) if so, whether the Chief Election Commissioner has been convened a meeting with the Chief Electoral Officers of the States/Union Territories;

(c) if so, the details thereof and main points discussed in the meeting; and

(d) the reasons for not ordering the revision electoral rolls in Punjab, Assam and Kashmir and the time by which the process is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) and (d). The Election Commission has already ordered revision of electoral rolls with reference to 1.1.1997 as the qualifying date in respect of Punjab and Assam. The Commission has not yet decided on revision of electoral rolls or otherwise in respect of other States/Union Territories.

(b) and (c). The commission had convened a meeting on 3rd December, 1996 of the Chief Electoral officers of all states/Union Territories. The issue of revision of electoral rolls in the States/Union Territories other than Punjab and Assam was one of the issues scheduled for discussion in the meeting. The meeting had, however, been postponed and no fresh date has yet been fixed.

Policy for Export by SSI

3120. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the Small Scale Industry's share in export as compared to the organised sector at present;

(b) the extent of its contribution to the employment generation and creation of wealth in the country; and

(c) the long terms strategy formulated for the development and growth of the Small Scale Industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Sir, Trade data compiled by DGCI&S does not indicate exports by Small Scale Sector Separately. However, the Office of Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries has indicated that out of total exports of Rs.82674.11 crores in 1994-95, the share of SSI sector was Rs.29068.15 crores which is about 35.15%.

(b) As per information available with the Office of Development commissioner, Small Scale Industries, there were 27.24 lakh SSI units in 1995-96 employing 152.61 lakh persons. No information is available regarding creation of wealth in the country by these units.

(c) The office of the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries is the nodal agency for formulation of long term strategy for the development and growth of small scale industries. The strategy includes continuation of existing measures such as priority sector lending to SSI, fiscal concessions, reservation of items for exclusive manufacture (currently numbering 836) and price and purchase preference to products manufactured by the Sector as well as new measures such as provision of adequate credit and improving quality of its delivery, providing infrastructural support through Integrated Infrastructure Development Scheme, enhanced technology support for modernisation and quality upgradation, enhancement to entrepreneurship development institutes as well as involving voluntary agencies, strengthening special employment generation programmes by way of self & employment through PMRY schemes and enhancing information and data base of SSI sector.

[Translation]

Export of Tea to Pakistan

3121. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (Hardoi) : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to export tea to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total quantity of tea likely to be exported during 1996-97?